

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 15, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Ken Masters, Mark Bacon; Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey reported that the 2013 pay 2014 settlement report is complete with an increase of property taxes of \$647,708.79 over last year. Courtesy letters are being sent to those eligible for the personal property demand list and the tax sale list.

Minutes of the meeting of June 2nd were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Peggy Cenova of the Small Business Development Center reported that they have helped to develop two new businesses which have created eighteen new jobs. They have seven clients with over five hours of SBD time. They have hosted four media events with the Chamber and the ECDC. Each local dollar raised is matched by federal dollars.

MILROY RIGHT OF WAY

Delores Ward owner of a property in Milroy with a shed built on the county right-of-way was present to ask for an extension to remove the building. Warrick and a neighbor Allen Thompson questioned why the right of way is needed when there is additional access to adjoining farm ground. Warrick has retained attorney John Baker from Connersville. Warrick was instructed to keep the board informed of the process.

SHARES INC

Cliff Strachman, Executive Director of Shares, Incorporated along with Danny Powell manager of the local facility on Conrad Harcourt Way presented a financial report of the direct service program for disabled persons. They requested that they be considered for funding in the Commissioners budget in the amount of \$50,000.

MILROY EMS

Becky Puckett representing Milroy Ambulance Service questioned if an ambulance that was owned by Rush County and sold to Milroy EMS Inc. for \$1.00 should be returned to the county if it is no longer in service. Mark Bacon moved to send a letter to return the ambulance and the title to the sheriff. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Commissioner Bacon submitted his resignation to the APC board. Ken Masters moved to accept the resignation with Bruce Levi seconding the motion. Mark Bacon then moved to appoint Ken Masters to the APC board and Bruce Levi offered the second. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Levi addressed the issue of the air conditioning not working in the courthouse. The issue appears to be the twenty two year old chiller is not working at full capacity. Turnkey is preparing a written estimate of repairs vs. new chiller and a second quote will also be attained.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented a Notification of Underground Storage Tanks report. Sitton is working with Neace Lukins Insurance to insure the tanks. Mark Bacon moved to sign the report and Ken Masters seconded the motion. Monthly reports for May were submitted. Sitton reported that his department is busy with summer construction and hand patching but he would like to work his chip & seal schedule to accommodate the September Fest activities on county roads.

SHERIFF

In a report from the Sheriff's Department, the inmate population currently stands at 47. The hospital has raised the cost of meals to \$1.92 per meal as per the State Board of Accounts.

CENTERSTONE

Representatives from Centerstone presented a request for continued support in the county budget. They offer behavioral healthcare to 839 consumers in Rush County.

- EMS reports were received from Carthage and Raleigh.
- Carole Yeend received a box of binder clips donated by Shares.

Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Mark Bacon moved to pay the payroll claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor